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**REMARKS** 

Claims 1-8, 13 and 14 are canceled herein. Claims 9-12, 15 and

16 remain pending in the application.

**Allowable Claims** 

The Applicants again thank the Examiner for the indication that

claims 9-12, 15 and 16 are allowed. As all remaining claims 1-8, 13 and 14 are

canceled herein, there are no further outstanding rejections. The Applicants

respectfully request a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner earliest convenience.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is

respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance

and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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